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TURKISH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS, AS OF FEBRUARY 1953

NEW IRON AND STEEL PLANT -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 21 Feb 1953

Ankara, 20 February -- A new iron and steel factory will be built in Eregli, Zonguldak Province, at an estimated cost of 400 million lira. The new factory will have a capacity eight times that of the Karabuk works. The plant will utilize rich iron-ore deposits found in Kocaeli and Trabzon provinces.

NEW SUGAR MILLS PLANNED -- Ankara, Zafer, 22 Feb 1953

Under a new industrialization plan, eight large sugar mills will be built in Turkey in 3 years, thus permitting Turkey to become a major sugar-exporting country.

Turkey's fifth sugar mill, for which the foundations were laid in Adapazari last year, will be completed in a few months and will begin test operations during this year's sugar-beet harvest season. The plant will be able to produce 25,000 tons of sugar from 180,000 tons of sugar beets. The factory will be operated by a company formed with capital provided by the Is (Business) Bank, Sumer Bank, Ziraat (Agriculture) Bank, and the Eskisehir Sugar-Beet Growers' Cooperative.

In recent months, contracts have been let for construction of plants in Amasya and Konya; both will begin operations this year. The Amasya plant will be operated by a company for which the Turhal and Amasya sugar-beet growers co-operatives are providing 25 percent of the capital; other participants are the Turkish Sugar Mills Company (one million lira) and the Is Bank (1½ million lira). The Konya mill is being financed by the Konya Industrial Development Company, the Konya-Akşehir and Ilgin sugar-beet growers cooperatives, and the Turkish Sugar Mills Company. Both mills will produce 27,000 tons annually from 180,000 tons of sugar.

The sugar mills to be built in Kutahya and Kayseri will be financed by cooperatives and companies which will be organized in these provinces. The plans for the mills have been prepared and the necessary capital assured.

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The Kutahya mill will have an annual capacity of 12,000 tons of sugar from 80,000 tons of sugar beets, while the Kayseri mill will produce 27,000 tons of sugar from 180,000 tons of beets.

In addition, studies are being made in connection with three more plants in the Burdur, the Malatya-Elazig, and the Erzurum — Erzincan-Gumushane areas. Producers and banks in these areas will finance the projects.

**BOOST SULPHUR PRODUCTION -- Ankara, Zafer, 22 Feb 1953**

Present expansion of the Keciborlu Sulphur Works will increase Turkey's annual sulphur production from 7,000 to 15,000 tons. Construction now under way will be completed this year.

**BOOST LIGNITE PRODUCTION -- Ankara, Zafer, 23 Feb 1953**

Efforts are under way to increase Turkish lignite production. Washing installations were placed in operation at the Soma Lignite Works last year; daily capacity is 1,500-1,600 tons, which will later be raised to 2,000 tons. Installation of similar equipment is under way at the Degirmensaz Lignite Works; this equipment has a daily capacity of 1,000 tons.

Washing equipment for the Tuncbilek Lignite Works has been ordered; the equipment will be assembled this year and will be placed in operation in 1954. It will have a daily capacity of 2,000 tons.

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